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SUBJECT: BELGRADE PARTY MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: BELGRADE PARTY HELD ITS LONG-AWAITED SESSION OF SELF-CRITICISM ON SEPTEMBER 20. NUMEROUS SPEAKERS, LED BY BELGRADE PARTY SECRETARY LAZIC, THOROUGHLY RAKED FORMER PARTY LEADERSHIP OVER THE COALS. SESSION DEMANDED THAT FORMER BELGRADE PARTY SECRETARY BORA PAVLOVIC, PLUS RAJKO DANILOVIC AND MOMIR NIKIC, BE EXPELLED FROM PARTY. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND SELF-ANALYSIS CAN BE EXPECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. BELGRADE PARTY COLLECTIVELY CLIMBED ON ITS PSYCHONALYST'S COACH ON SEPTEMBER 20 IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF ITS PAST FAILINGS. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF SESSION (FOUR AND ONE-HALF FULL PAGES OF POLITIKA) IS REMINISCENT OF COVERAGE OF WAVES OF SELF-CRITICAL STATEMENTS MADE LAST FALL AND WINTER BY OTHER LOCALITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. DJORDJE LAZIC, BELGRADE PARTY SECRETARY, GAVE PROPERLY REPENTANT INTRODUCTORY REPORT. HE POINTED TO LONG LIST OF SINS COMMITTED BY FORMER LEADERSHIP, MOST

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SERIOUS OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE FAILURE TO LISTEN TO ADVICE OF TITO.

HIS PREDECESSOR, PAVLOVIC, CAME IN FOR PARTICULARLY STRONG CRITICISM. HE WAS ACCUSED OF AILING TO LISTEN TO CRITICISM, COLLABORATING CLOSELY WITH FORMER SERBIAN PARTY LEADERSHIP, PROMOTING FACTIONALISM AND ALLOWING LIBERALISM AND TECHNOCRATISM TO GAIN SUCH STRONG INFLUENCE IN BELGRADE. NUMEROUS SPEAKERS FOLLOWED SUIT. EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION FOR SESSION IS NOW BEING SERIALIZED IN POLITIKA.

3. SESSION OBLIGATED OPSTINA LEVEL PARTY ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPEL PAVLOVIC AND FORMER SECRETARIAT MEMBERS RAJKO DANILOVIC AND MOMIR NIKIC FOR THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR "DEFORMATIONS" IN LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATION. SESSION ALSO TOLD BELGRADE PARTY SECRETARIAT TO INVESTIGATE AND ESTABLISH DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE "WHOSE ACTIVITY AND WORK AFFECTED STATE OF AFFAIRS IN BELGRADE LC". CONSTITUENT BODIES OF BELGRADE ORGANIZATION WERE ONCE AGAIN URGED TO REASSESS THEIR PAST BEHAVIOR.

4.COMMENT: DAY-LONG SESSION OF REPENTANCE IS PROBABLY MORE OF A BEGINNING THAN CLIMAX. DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THREE EXPULSIONS WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER MULTITUDE OF SINS BLAMED ON PARTY ORGANIZATION. ON OTHER HAND, CURRENT PARTY LEADERS MAY BE AFRAID TO DIG TOO DEEPLY FOR FEAR THAT VIRTUALLY ALL WILL BE IMPLICATED THROUGH COMPLACENCY, IF NOT OUTRIGHT COMPLICITY. SPOKESMEN DID NOT DISCUSS AT LENGTH REASONS FOR LONG DELAY IN HOLDING THIS SESSION, SO DECISION MAY NOT YET HAVE BEEN MADE AS TO HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE PARTY.
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